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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.
Psalm 33:12

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#503 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11-14

Walk #503 is a Men's Walk led by the Holy Spirit and Ricky Hall. Tony Jones is to be the Spiritual Director. The team will be from the Blount/Cullman Cluster Grouping with added members from the Franklin/Haleyville/Marion County Cluster Grouping. A month out, there are **28** men assigned to #503, and the Shoals still has **ONE** of those men.

#503
Rob Gullett - Florence

Rob Gary Jester

This is the same weekend as the Annual Training Event and Memorial Service for the Community. And it will also be the celebration for the 40th birthday of the Alabama Emmaus Community. What a great time to be there!



#504 IS SEPTEMBER 8-11

Walk #504 will be led by the Holy Spirit and Danielle Epps from the Tuscaloosa/West AL Cluster Grouping. Woody Jones will be the Spiritual Director. There are still **28** women assigned to #504, and we still have **TWO** of them!

#504
Erin Melicks - Killen
Amanda Hasting - Rogersville

Erin Will & April Vaden
Amanda Neal Harvey

NEXT CLUSTER MEETING

TUESDAY
JULY 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.

TUSCUMBIA FUMC
IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TUSCUMBIA

BRING:
COVERED DISH
Worship Guide
Name Badge
GOOD JOKES
Joyful Noise Voice
An Emmaus Friend
-AND YOU!!!

(NURSERY PROVIDED)

PASTOR APPRECIATION

July is still Clergy Appreciation for the Shoals Cluster. All our Emmaus clergy are to be recognized. Invitations were mailed on July 1 and spouses are also invited. If some of these are new to the Shoals, as some of the UMC pastors may well be, perhaps this can be a great introduction to the Cluster. This Cluster has long given deference to our clergy and values them greatly. Part of the planning is to give each a bit of time to share what their Walk meant to them. At this time we have no new Pilgrims scheduled to be there. Be sure to make your own plans to be part of this meeting and bring with you someone who hasn't been to Cluster in a while!



#505 TO BE SEPTEMBER 22-25

Walk #505 will be led by the Holy Spirit and **Frederick Martin**. The Spiritual Director will be Mac Buttram and *the team for this Walk is from our Cluster Grouping*. There are now **25** men assigned to this Walk, and the Shoals still has **ONE** of them!

#505
Justin Miller - Florence

SPONSORS
Justin Bob & Julia Young

There is still time to get your Pilgrim added to this Walk. You will have until Sept. 12 to get the application turned in. The current maximum for a Walk is 28 Pilgrims, so that would be a reason to hurry. Again, this team is from our Cluster Grouping. That's good if you're not on the team, but if you are, please reconsider the timing.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

In an effort to reach out to folks who live in Lauderdale County, the board has been looking at locations there to have some of the Cluster meetings. Bradley and Stephanie Hippias of North Wood UMC in North Florence offered the use of that church. The Board has decided to hold the September meeting there. Make sure to help get the word out to folks in that area who might appreciate having some of the meetings closer to home. This is on a trial basis for at this time.

2022 ALABAMA WALKS

- #503 Aug. 11-14 Men
- #504 Sep 8-11 Women
- #505 Sep 22-25 Men
- #506 Oct. 20-23 Women
- #507 Nov. 10-13 Men

2023 ALABAMA WALKS

- #508 Feb 2-5 Women
- #509 Mar 2-5 Men
- #510 Mar 23-26 Women
- #511 Apr 20-23 Women
- #512 May 4-7 Men
- #513 Aug 10-13 Men
- #514 Sep 14-17 Women

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RG CORNER

Don't forget the first meeting of the new ladies' Reunion Group on Tuesday, July 19 at 11:30 at River Bottom Grille in Florence! Even if you are part of another group, join this one, too! It's going to be a lot of fun! You are sure to get a blessing – and even more, you will be a blessing, too! Be there!!!

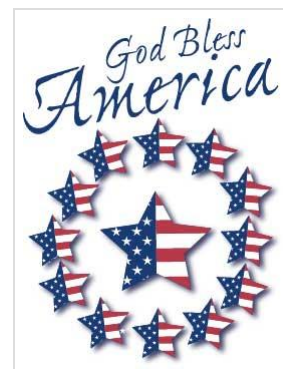
SPONSORSHIP 101

At the June Cluster meeting, Cluster Leader Joe Peeden proposed that the Cluster begin paying the fees for all Shoals area Pilgrims. Those in attendance approved his proposal. There has been a Cluster Scholarship Fund that has been in place for over 20 years. But it was an 'upon request' fund, just like the Community fund. Now, the Cluster will pay all fees for Shoals Pilgrims. If you always pay for the Pilgrims you sponsor, now you would simply donate that amount to the Cluster to be used for your Pilgrim. This makes for a level playing field, if you

will. Further work will need to be done to hammer out all the new structure, and this will be presented in the near future. As you may recall, most Cluster monies were pledged to Camp for the years 2008-2018. Now this new effort can be the recipient of all our fundraising efforts like the auction and the golf tournament. It is hoped that this will spur increased sponsorship, which will increase our numbers. Be sure to check here for further details and get in on this stimulus for Shoals sponsorship.

AUCTION POSTPONED

At the Cluster Board's July meeting, it was decided to postpone the auction until February. That's when the previous auction was held. It is also hoped that by that time, our attendance will have increased, and we can have greater participation.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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MEETING SCHEDULE

At this time, all Cluster meetings except September are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Tuscumbia FUMC.